

REMARKS

Claims 85-93, 147-159, and 162-168 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-84, 94-146, 160, and 161, have been cancelled. The Applicants note that in the recent Office Action dated November 14, 2006, claims 85-93 and 147-158 were allowed and claim 159 was rejected. Every ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been addressed herein.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIM 159 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 IS TREATED

Claim 159 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon U.S. patent no. 4,436,972 (Scanlon). Claim 159 has been amended herein to better and more clearly define the Applicants' invention. In particular, claim 159 now recites the subject matter of "a holder configured and dimensioned for removably receiving an object." Applicants submit that this feature is now clearly claimed and is novel and not obvious and, therefore, claim 159 is allowable. Further, new claims 162-168, which all depend upon claim 159 (either directly or ultimately), are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 159.

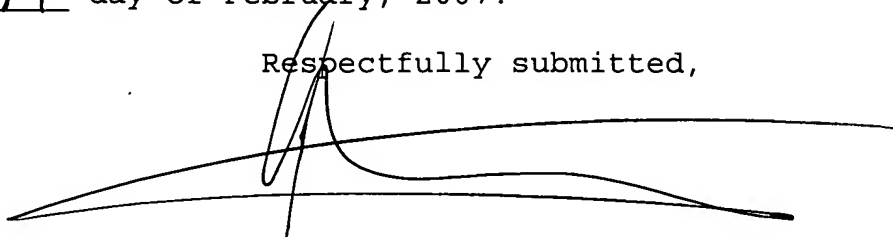
CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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Respectfully submitted,

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